

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed August 12, 2008 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Specification

The specification has been amended in order to address the objections raised in the Office Action and correct minor typographical errors. No new matter has been introduced.

Claim Objections

Claims 9 and 13 were objected to and have been amended to correct the typographical errors and thereby overcome the objections.

Subject Matter Indicated Allowed or Allowable

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowance of claims 5-18, and of allowability of claims 2-4 subject to their re-writing in independent form. Claims 2-4 have been so re-written.

Canceled Claims

Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Rejection(s) Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Graham Mobley et al. (U.S. pat. Pub. no. 2003/0053493). Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and the rejection thereof is moot.

Conclusion

In view of the preceding discussion, Applicants respectfully urge that the claims of the present application define patentable subject matter and should be passed to allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone call would help advance prosecution of the present invention, the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number below.

Please charge any additional required fees, including those necessary to obtain extensions of time to render timely the filing of the instant Amendment and/or Reply to Office Action, or credit any overpayment not otherwise credited, to our deposit account no. 50-3557.

Respectfully submitted,
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